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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 and ending at page 2 line 23 with the following paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 4, the subcooled water mist W is injected from a nozzle 134, into a moisture jet section 135, and the jet pattern of this subcooled water mist W is conical. The subcooled water mist W injected from nozzle 134 collides with the steam S1, to cool down the steam S1.

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